

## LEANING INTO THIS LOVE QUENCHING OUR THIRST

John 7:14 – 44  
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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; hear, you earth, the Words of My mouth. Let My teaching fall like rain and My Words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. — Deuteronomy 32:1 – 2*

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. — Isaiah 12:3*

*My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. — Jeremiah 2:13*

*They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water.  
— Jeremiah 31:9*

*... He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. — Psalm 23:2 – 3*

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? — Psalm 42:1 – 2*

#### Perfect day for a downpour:

- The set up (John 4)

*Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. — Revelation 22:17*

- The setting (John 7:14 – 16)
- The Scriptures (John 7:37)

*Aliveness, is a gift available to all by God's grace. It flows not from taking, but giving, not from fear but from faith, not from conflict but from reconciliation, not from domination but from service. It isn't found in the upper trappings of religion — rules and rituals, controversies and scruples, temples and traditions. No, it springs up from our innermost being like a fountain of living water. It intoxicates us like the best wine ever and so turns life from disappointment into a banquet.  
— Brian McLaren, *We Make The Road By Walking**

- The saturation point (7:38 – 39)

#### So how do we practically access the life of Jesus?

- We come with humility.
- We listen with intentionality.

*Therefore everyone who hears these Words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. — Matthew 7:24 – 25*

- We respond with surrender.

*Lord, I crawled across the barrenness to You with my empty cup. If only I had known You better, I'd have come running with a bucket. — Nancy Spiegelberg*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What impacted you from the message this past weekend?
- What historic event did the Feast of Tabernacles celebrate?
- What is significant about the fact that Jesus stood up during that particular feast and drew attention to what He offered?
- How would you describe spiritual thirst in practical terms?
- How does our culture try to meet our spiritual deepest needs with brackish water?
- What does Jesus say we need to do in order to satisfy our spiritual longing?
- What is the difference between coming to church and coming to Jesus?
- How is the Spirit of God like a spring welling up in us in very practical ways?
- How could you draw closer to Jesus this week and experience more of His life filling your own?